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NORIBUMI KOITABASHI, ET AL.

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), a concise explanation of relevance for some of the non-English documents and U.S. patents may be found in the specification on pages 1, 52 and 53. Also, Applicants have obtained English-language computer database abstracts for the non-English documents and attached them to their respective copies.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/131,786	06/10/98	2853
09/178,631	10/26/98	2853

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of any cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

It is believed that no fee is due with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deemed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for this purpose.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010.

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